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In re application of:

Seth A. Foerster et al.

Application No.: 10/690,351

Filed: October 21, 2003

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE  
USING A SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Examiner: Nguyen, Vi X

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REPLY

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006 for which a response is due July 17, 2006. Should a fee be deemed necessary in connection with the above referenced application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0359.